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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1619

PATENT
0020-4518P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Noriko MIZOBUCHI et al. Conf.:

Appl. No.: 09/242,700 Group: 1619

Filed: April 19, 1999 Examiner: R. BAWA

For: A STABLE OINTMENT CONTAINING ASPIRIN

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

July 5, 2001

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed April 6, 2001, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

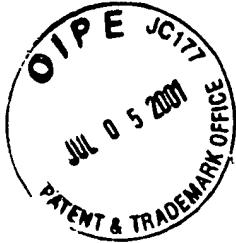
IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 7, 11, 12 and 13 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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Claim 1 (Twice Amended). A substantially anhydrous ointment consisting essentially of acetylsalicylic acid and a base selected from the group consisting of hydrocarbon gel, vaseline and a mixture thereof without any other additive for said acetylsalicylic acid.



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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

The enclosed document is being transmitted via the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.

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The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR			PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL	11	-	20	=	0	\$ 18	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT	3	-	3	=	0	\$ 80	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						\$270	\$0.00
						TOTAL	\$0.00

Petition for _____ month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.

No fee is required.

A check in the amount of \$0.00 is enclosed.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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